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Maddened horses are charging Wolverine in the thick of a Chinese woodland. He manages to steer them away from his camp and save his friends, Mai, Hsiao, and Ch'un. They precede in the direction the horses came to discover a small village, almost totally destroyed by the mysterious Black Shadow they are hunting. Wolverine tries to battle the creature whose very touch means death, but is almost destroyed in the process. Hsiao is frantic with grief. He pulls the pin of a grenade and charges the creature. Everything explodes in a nimbus of light and

"SOMETHING IN THE WAY SHE MOVES" — PART 6 OF 8

The search for WONDER MAN leads the Avengers to the place it all began — the place where Wonder Man was born! But, can even the Mighty Avengers escape the trap that has been laid, or will they find themselves pawns in a new and deadly experiment?

"DONOVAN'S BRAINS"

Tony Stark, multi-millionaire industrialist, is secretly Iron Man. When his company, Stark Enterprises, decides to venture into self-teaching robots, it proves to be a learning experience for Iron Man.

"HELLO LITTLE GIRL . . . IS YOUR FATHER HOME?"

Her father was once an Interpol agent, a reluctant member of the villainous Factor Three, and later the one time leader of the X-Men! He was Banshee . . . and she is Siryn. While she may have inherited her mutant father's sonic powers (as well as a few of her own), Theresa Rourke isn't as likely to don her costume and battle all sorts of bad guys. On the other hand, when those nasties come knocking on her door in the dead of night

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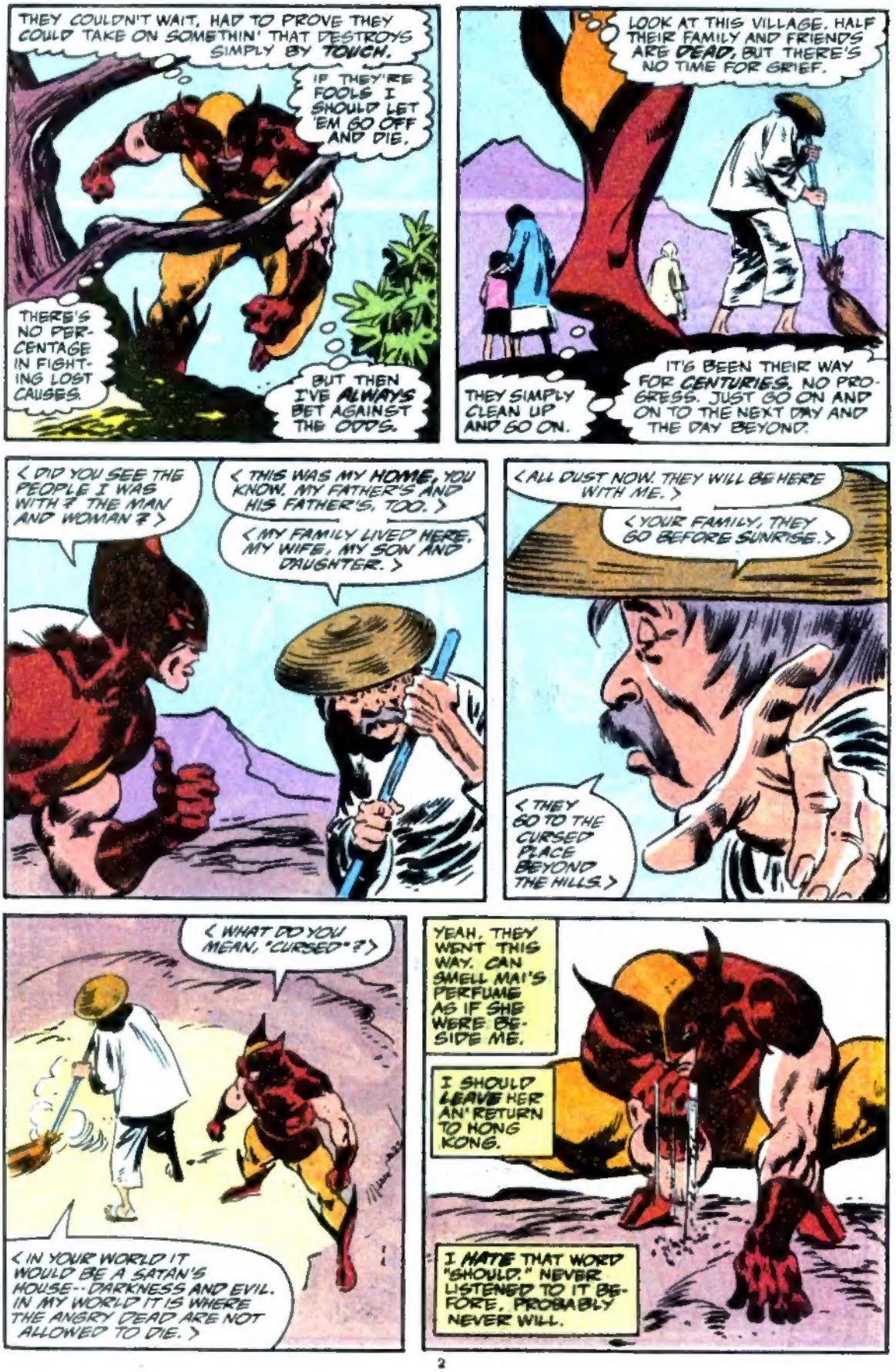
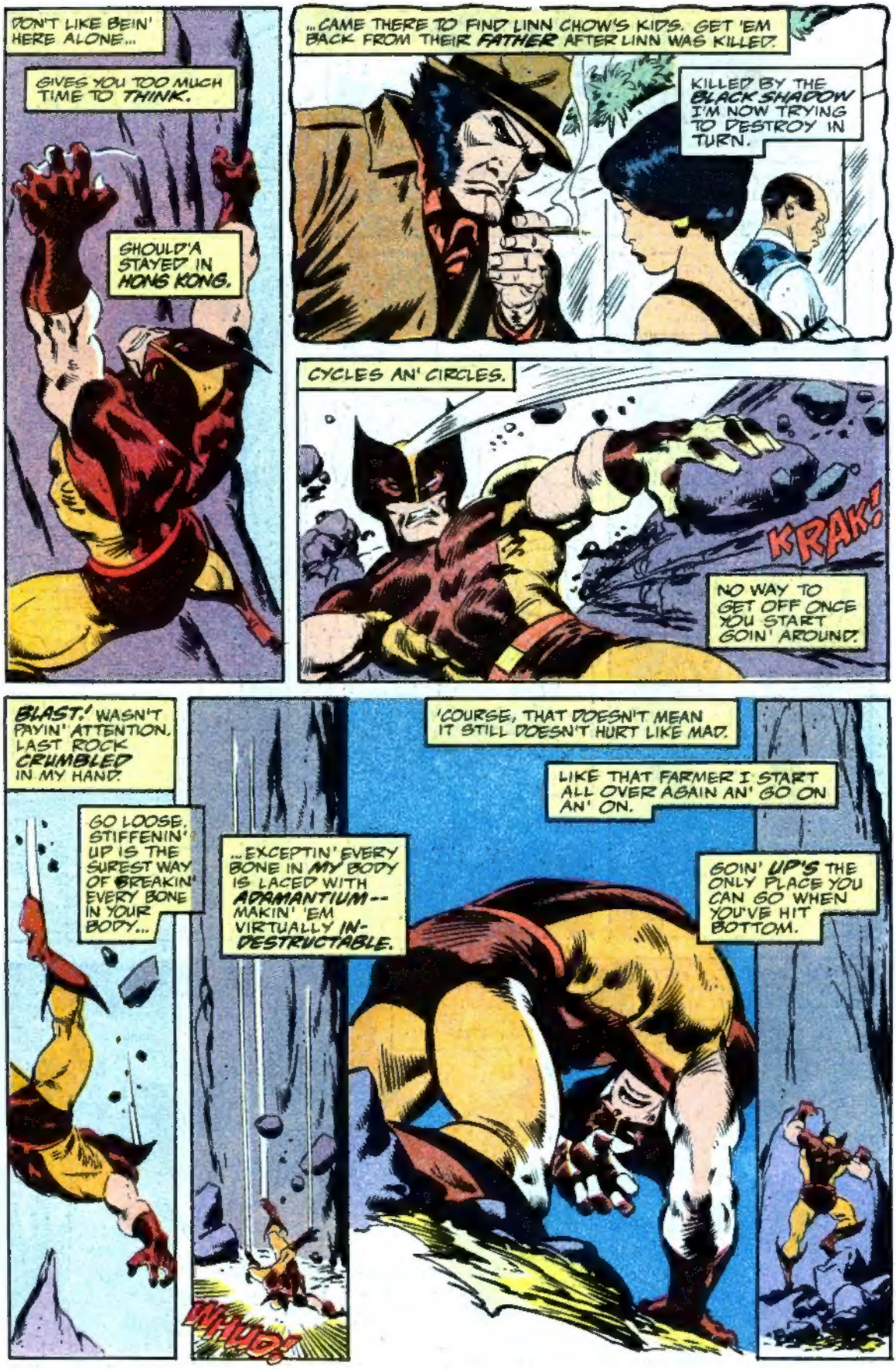
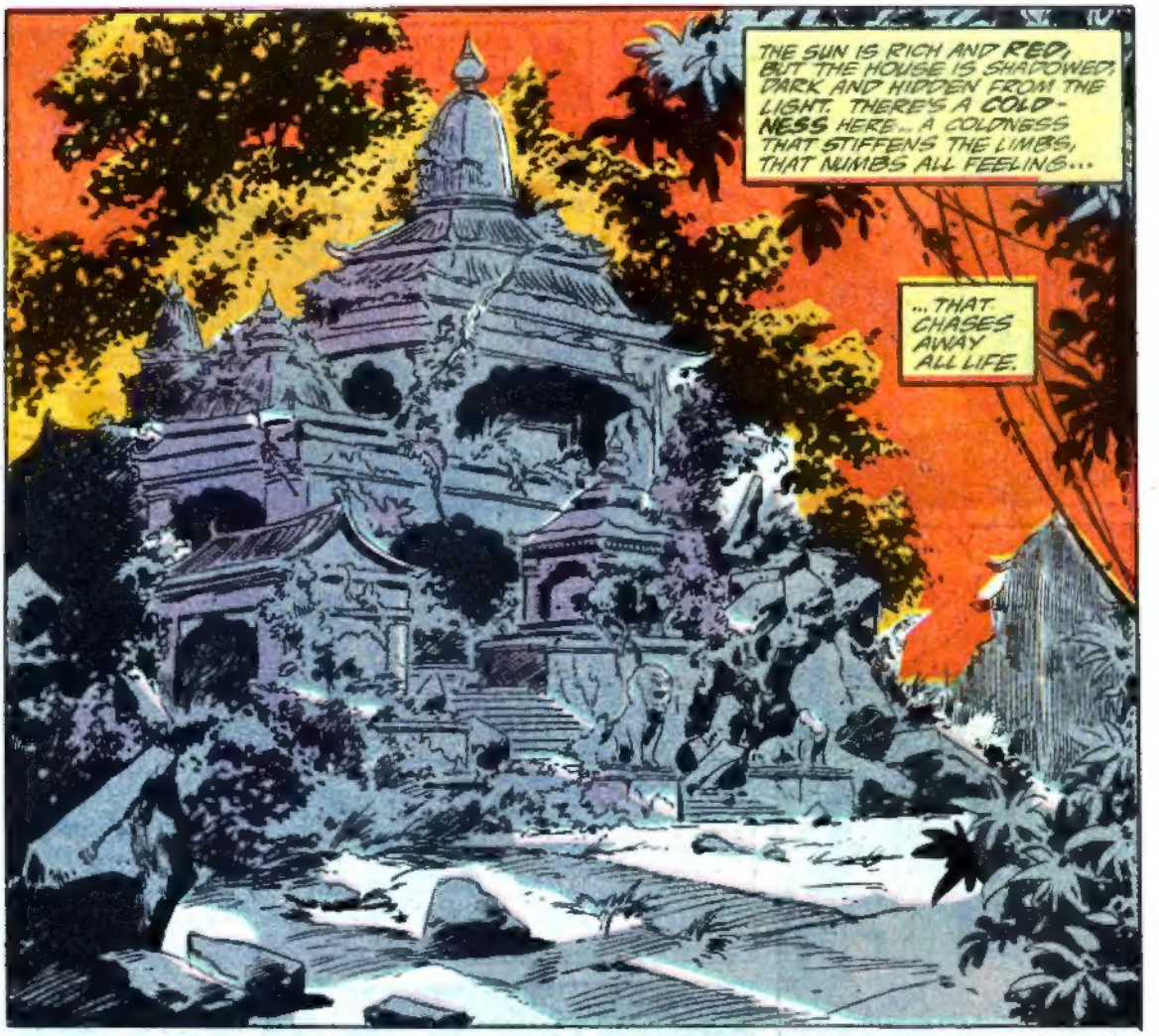
AT NIGHT I DREAM OF FRIENDS NO LONGER NEAR ME, OF LOVES BEYOND MY TOUCH.
BITTERSWEET REMINDERS...
...THAT I AM, AS ALWAYS, ALONE.
MAI? CH'UN? WH-WHERE ARE YOU?
THEY'RE GONE, BLAST IT-- THEY LEFT WITHOUT ME!
BLACK SHADOW! WHITE SHADOW!
PART VI
FEATURING:
WOLVERINE
HAVEN!!


THEY COULDN'T WAIT, HAD TO PROVE THEY COULD TAKE ON SOMETHIN' THAT DESTROYS SIMPLY BY TOUCH.
IF THEY'RE FOOLS I SHOULD LET 'EM GO OFF AND DIE.
THERE'S NO PERCENTAGE IN FIGHTING LOST CAUSES.
BUT THEN I'VE ALWAYS BET AGAINST THE ODDS.
LOOK AT THIS VILLAGE. HALF THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE DEAD, BUT THERE'S NO TIME FOR GRIEF.
THEY SIMPLY CLEAN UP AND GO ON.
IT'S BEEN THEIR WAY FOR CENTURIES. NO PROGRESS. JUST GO ON AND ON TO THE NEXT DAY AND THE DAY BEYOND.
< DID YOU SEE THE PEOPLE I WAS WITH ? THE MAN AND WOMAN ? >
< THIS WAS MY HOME, YOU KNOW. MY FATHER'S AND HIS FATHER'S, TOO. >
< MY FAMILY LIVED HERE. MY WIFE, MY SON AND DAUGHTER. >
< ALL DUST NOW. THEY WILL BE HERE WITH ME. >
< YOUR FAMILY, THEY GO BEFORE SUNRISE. >
< THEY GO TO THE CURSED PLACE BEYOND THE HILLS. >
< WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "CURSED"? >
< IN YOUR WORLD IT WOULD BE A SATAN'S HOUSE--DARKNESS AND EVIL. IN MY WORLD IT IS WHERE THE ANGRY DEAD ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DIE. >
YEAH. THEY WENT THIS WAY. CAN SMELL MAI'S PERFUME AS IF SHE WERE BESIDE ME.
I SHOULD LEAVE HER AN' RETURN TO HONG KONG.
I HATE THAT WORD "SHOULD." NEVER LISTENED TO IT BEFORE, PROBABLY NEVER WILL.

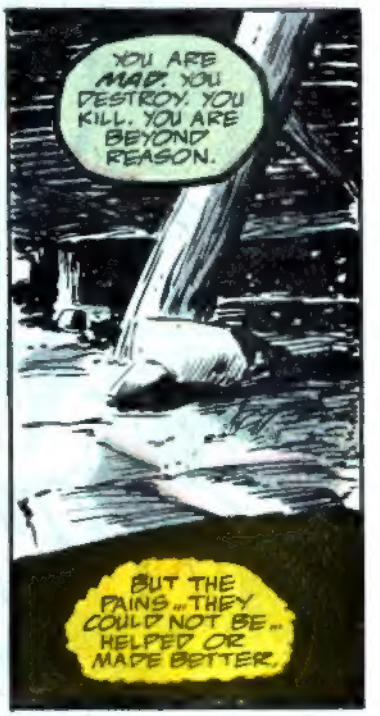
DON'T THINK ABOUT THE HOUSE OR WHAT THE FARMER MEANT, ONE STEP AT A TIME.
MAI AND CH'UN--THEY'RE MY GOALS.
THE HOUSE'LL WAIT TILL LATER.
BUT I THINK OF THE FARMER--HIS FAMILY IS THERE IN THAT VILLAGE, BURIED ONE BESIDE THE OTHER.
GENERATIONS NEVER PARTING. FAMILIES ALWAYS TOGETHER.
WHAT I GOT THAT PASSES FOR FAMILY, WE'RE HARDLY TOGETHER ANYMORE.
SEPARATE DREAMS. SEPARATE REALITIES.
FAMILY USED TO BE THE THING THAT GAVE US REASON FOR LIVIN'. MAYBE THINGS HAVE CHANGED.
OR MAYBE NOT. I GOT PART OF MY FAMILY SOMEWHERE OUT THERE.
THERE'S NOT A SECOND THAT I DON'T THINK OF 'EM...
...OR DON'T WISH I WERE WITH THEM.

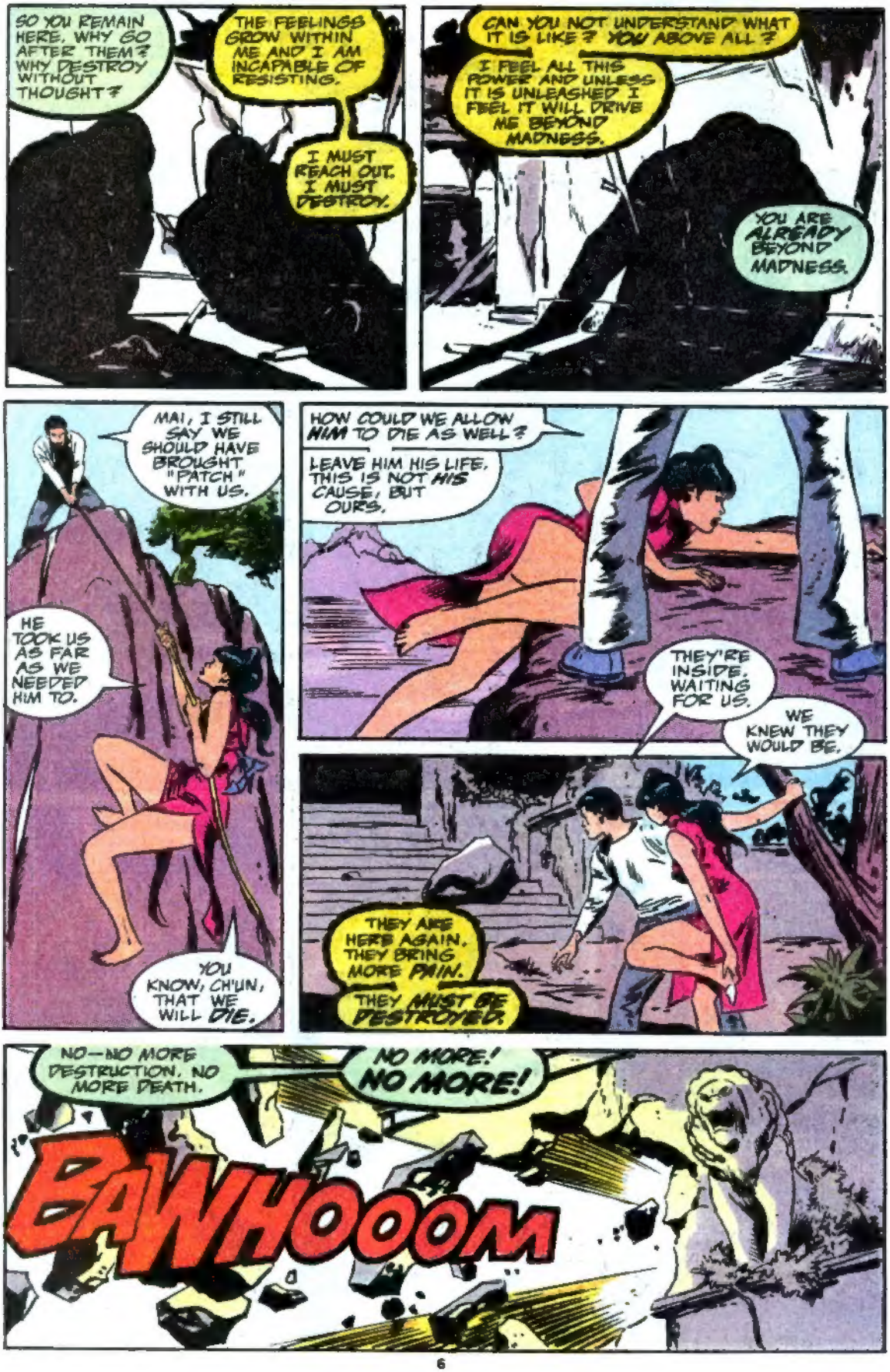

DON'T LIKE BEIN' HERE ALONE...
GIVES YOU TOO MUCH TIME TO THINK.
SHOULD'A STAYED IN HONG KONG.
...CAME THERE TO FIND LINN CHOW'S KIDS. GET 'EM BACK FROM THEIR FATHER AFTER LINN WAS KILLED.
KILLED BY THE BLACK SHADOW I'M NOW TRYING TO DESTROY IN TURN.
CYCLES AN' CIRCLES.
KRAK!
NO WAY TO GET OFF ONCE YOU START GOIN' AROUND.
BLAST! WASN'T PAYIN' ATTENTION. LAST ROCK CRUMBLED IN MY HAND.
GO LOOSE, STIFFENIN' UP IS THE SUREST WAY OF BREAKIN' EVERY BONE IN YOUR BODY...
...EXCEPTIN' EVERY BONE IN MY BODY IS LACED WITH ADAMANTIUM -- MAKIN' 'EM VIRTUALLY IN-DESTRUCTABLE.
WHUD!
'COURSE, THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT STILL DOESN'T HURT LIKE MAD.
LIKE THAT FARMER I START ALL OVER AGAIN AN' GO ON AN' ON.
GOIN' UP'S THE ONLY PLACE YOU CAN GO WHEN YOU'VE HIT BOTTOM.


THE SUN IS RICH AND RED, BUT THE HOUSE IS SHADOWED, DARK AND HIDDEN FROM THE LIGHT. THERE'S A COLDNESS HERE... A COLDNESS THAT STIFFENS THE LIMBS, THAT NUMBS ALL FEELING...
...THAT CHASES AWAY ALL LIFE.

THE COLDNESS GROWS MORE BITTER INSIDE, TAINTED WITH THE STENCH OF ROT AND DECAY...

THIS PLACE WAS ONCE A PLACE OF HOPE. A PLACE FOR THE LIVING. NOW THERE IS CERTAINLY NO HOPE.
NOW THERE IS ALMOST NOTHING HERE ALIVE.


YOU ARE MAD. YOU DESTROY. YOU KILL. YOU ARE BEYOND REASON.
BUT THE PAINS... THEY COULD NOT BE... HELPED OR MADE BETTER.


SO YOU REMAIN HERE. WHY GO AFTER THEM? WHY DESTROY WITHOUT THOUGHT?
THE FEELINGS GROW WITHIN ME AND I AM INCAPABLE OF RESISTING.
I MUST REACH OUT. I MUST DESTROY.
CAN YOU NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS LIKE? YOU ABOVE ALL?
I FEEL ALL THIS POWER AND UNLESS IT IS UNLEASHED I FEEL IT WILL DRIVE ME BEYOND MADNESS.
YOU ARE ALREADY BEYOND MADNESS.
MAI, I STILL SAY WE SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT "PATCH" WITH US.
HE TOOK US AS FAR AS WE NEEDED HIM TO.
YOU KNOW, CH'IN, THAT WE WILL DIE.
HOW COULD WE ALLOW HIM TO DIE AS WELL?
LEAVE HIM HIS LIFE. THIS IS NOT HIS CAUSE, BUT OURS.
THEY'RE INSIDE, WAITING FOR US.
WE KNEW THEY WOULD BE.
THEY ARE HERE AGAIN. THEY BRING MORE PAIN.
THEY MUST BE DESTROYED.
NO—NO MORE DESTRUCTION, NO MORE DEATH.
NO MORE! NO MORE!
BAWHOOOM

DO YOU HEAR ANY-THING?
JUST DIRT THAT FALLS...
...STONE THAT CRUMBLES...
BUT NO... NO LIFE.

IT CANNOT BE OVER. THINGS DO NOT HAPPEN LIKE THAT.
WE CANNOT HAVE COME ALL THIS WAY FOR THEM TO HAVE DESTROYED EACH OTHER.
IT IS COLD, CH'UN.
THEY ARE STILL INSIDE.

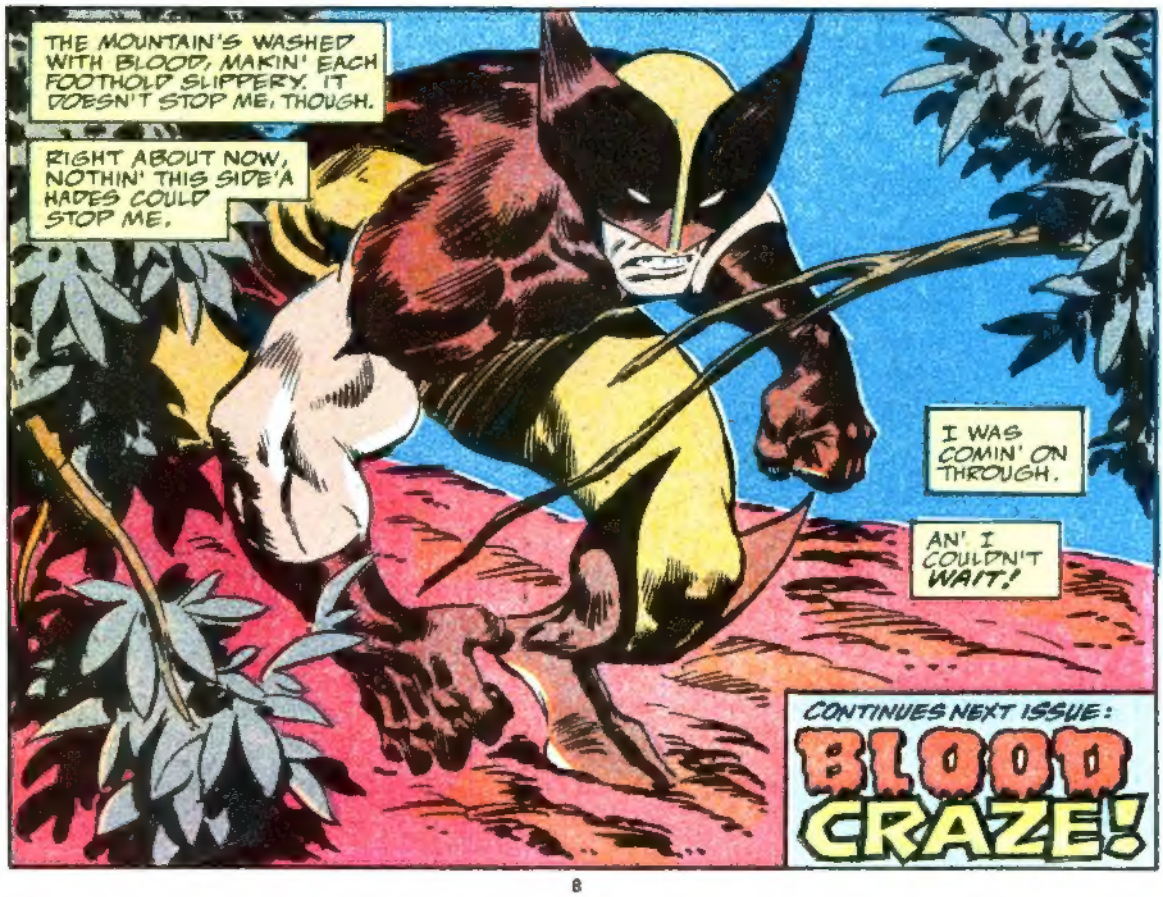
HE STILL WAITS.
TO KILL US? HE COULD HAVE DONE THAT BEFORE NOW.
HE COULD BE DEAD, YOU KNOW.
NO... BREATHE DEEP.

I... I SEE... STALE, PALE, COLD AND DEAD.
MAI, WE SHOULD GO BACK.
IT IS TOO LATE, MY FRIEND. FAR TOO LATE FOR THAT.
COME.

WHEN I WORKED HERE, WHEN I SAW ALL THOSE WHO DIED AROUND ME, I BECAME INURED TO DEATH.
OH, I GRIEVED, AND I CRIED, BUT I KNEW DEATH WAS INEVITABLE SO WHY BE AFRAID, I THOUGHT.

BUT I AM AFRAID NOW.
I AM SO AFRAID...
M-MAI!?

HE-HE COMES...
NOW HE COMES FOR US!


THE MOUNTAIN'S WASHED WITH BLOOD, MAKIN' EACH FOOTHOLD SLIPPERY. IT DOESN'T STOP ME, THOUGH.
RIGHT ABOUT NOW, NOTHIN' THIS SIDE'A HADES COULD STOP ME.
I WAS COMIN' ON THROUGH.
AN' I COULDN'T WAIT!
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Stardust Miseries
PART 6
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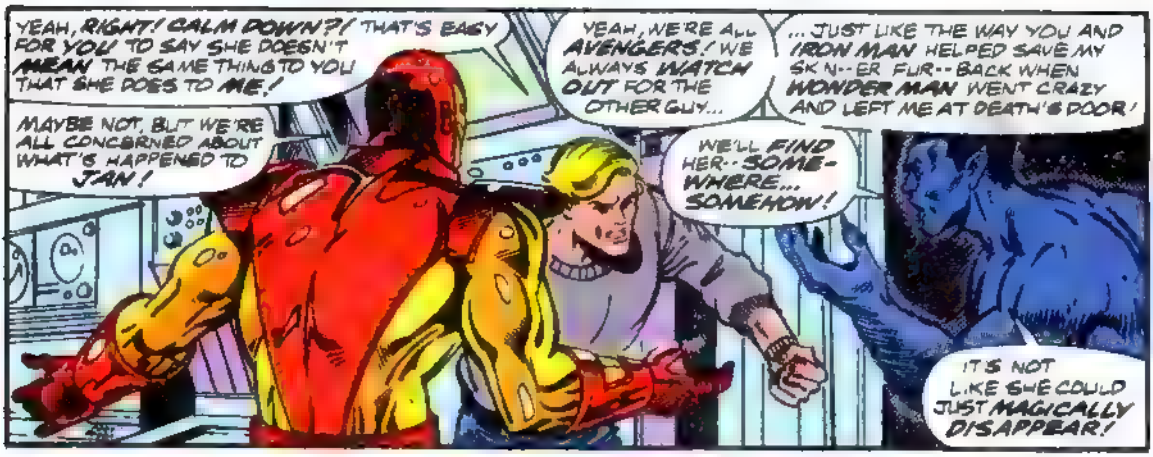
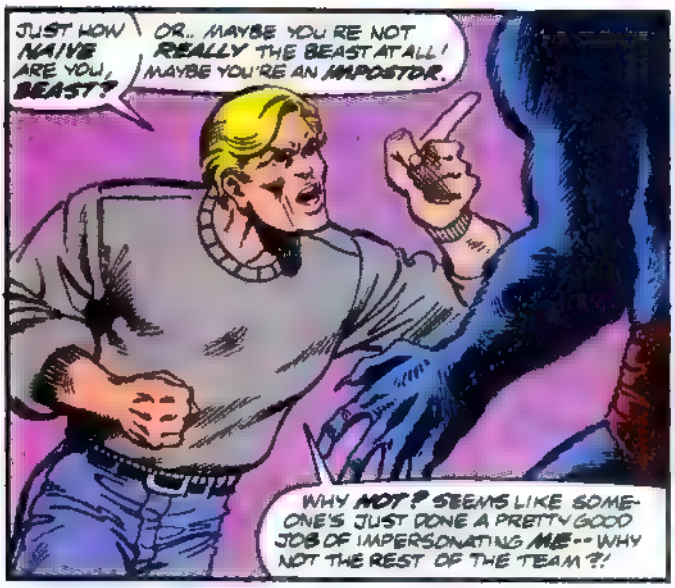
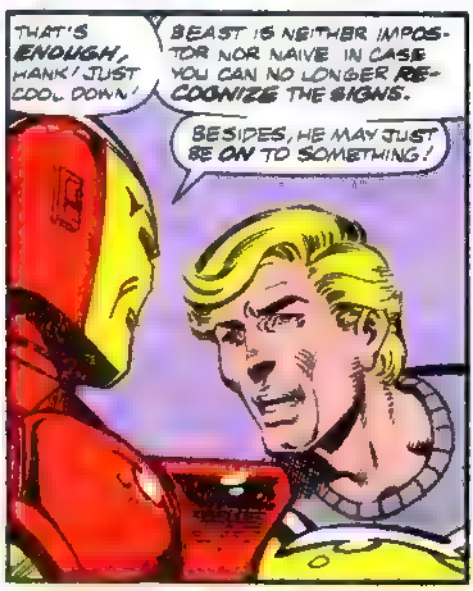
WONDER MAN
in
SOMETHING IN THE WAY SHE MOVES
SOMEONE IS GOING TO PAY FOR THIS!
HEY, HANK, CALM DOWN! DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD, OLD BUDDY.

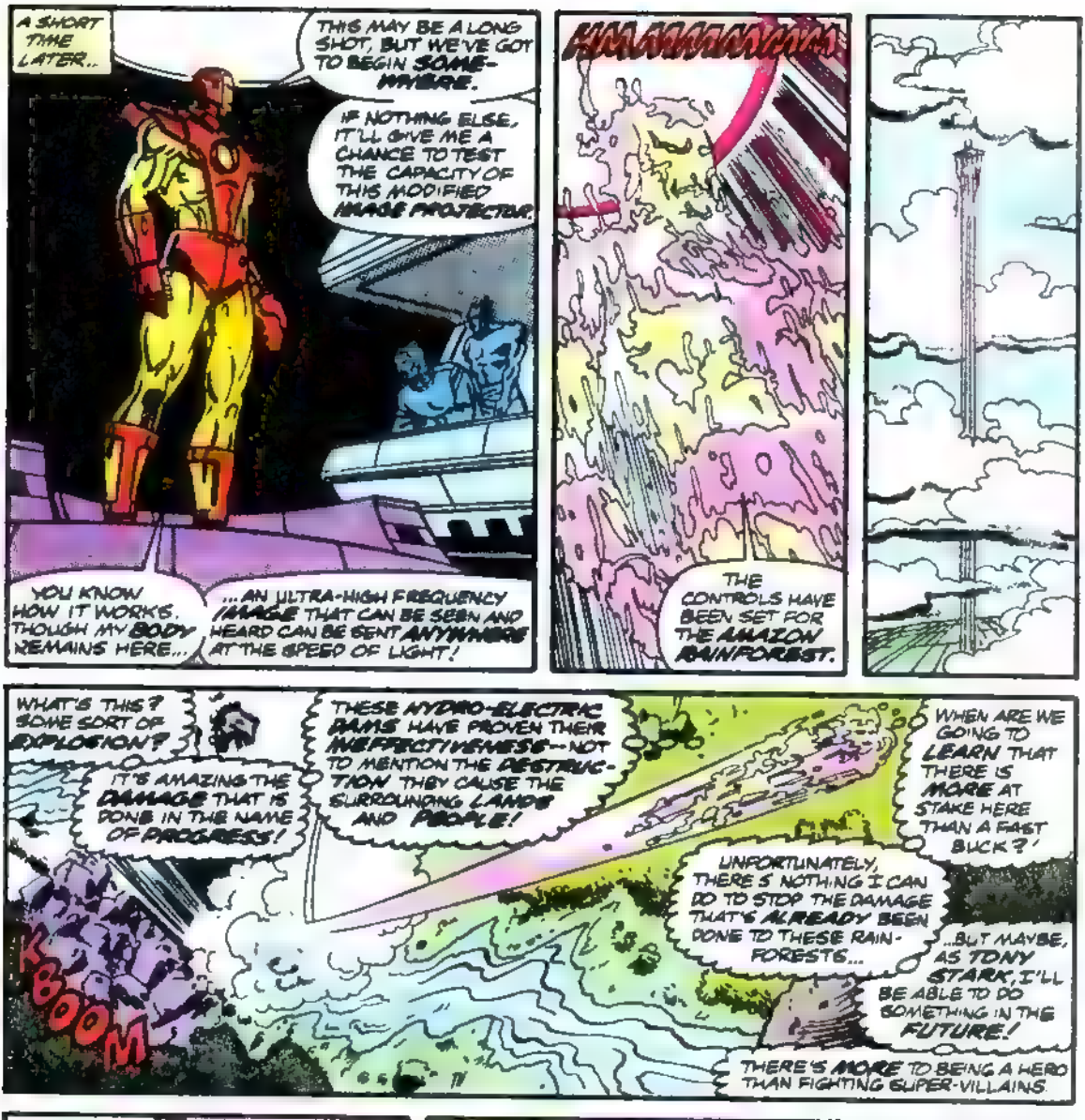

YEAH, RIGHT! CALM DOWN?! THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY SHE DOESN'T MEAN THE SAME THING TO YOU THAT SHE DOES TO ME!
MAYBE NOT, BUT WE'RE ALL CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENED TO JAN!
YEAH, WE'RE ALL AVENGERS! WE ALWAYS WATCH OUT FOR THE OTHER GUY...
... JUST LIKE THE WAY YOU AND IRON MAN HELPED SAVE MY SK'N--ER FUR--BACK WHEN WONDER MAN WENT CRAZY AND LEFT ME AT DEATH'S DOOR!
WE'LL FIND HER--SOMEWHERE... SOMEHOW!
IT'S NOT LIKE SHE COULD JUST MAGICALLY DISAPPEAR!


JUST HOW NAIVE ARE YOU, BEAST?
OR.. MAYBE YOU'RE NOT REALLY THE BEAST AT ALL! MAYBE YOU'RE AN IMPOSTOR.
WHY NOT? SEEMS LIKE SOMEONE'S JUST DONE A PRETTY GOOD JOB OF IMPERSONATING ME--WHY NOT THE REST OF THE TEAM?!


THAT'S ENOUGH, HANK! JUST COOL DOWN!
BEAST IS NEITHER IMPOSTOR NOR NAIVE IN CASE YOU CAN NO LONGER RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS.
BESIDES, HE MAY JUST BE ON TO SOMETHING!

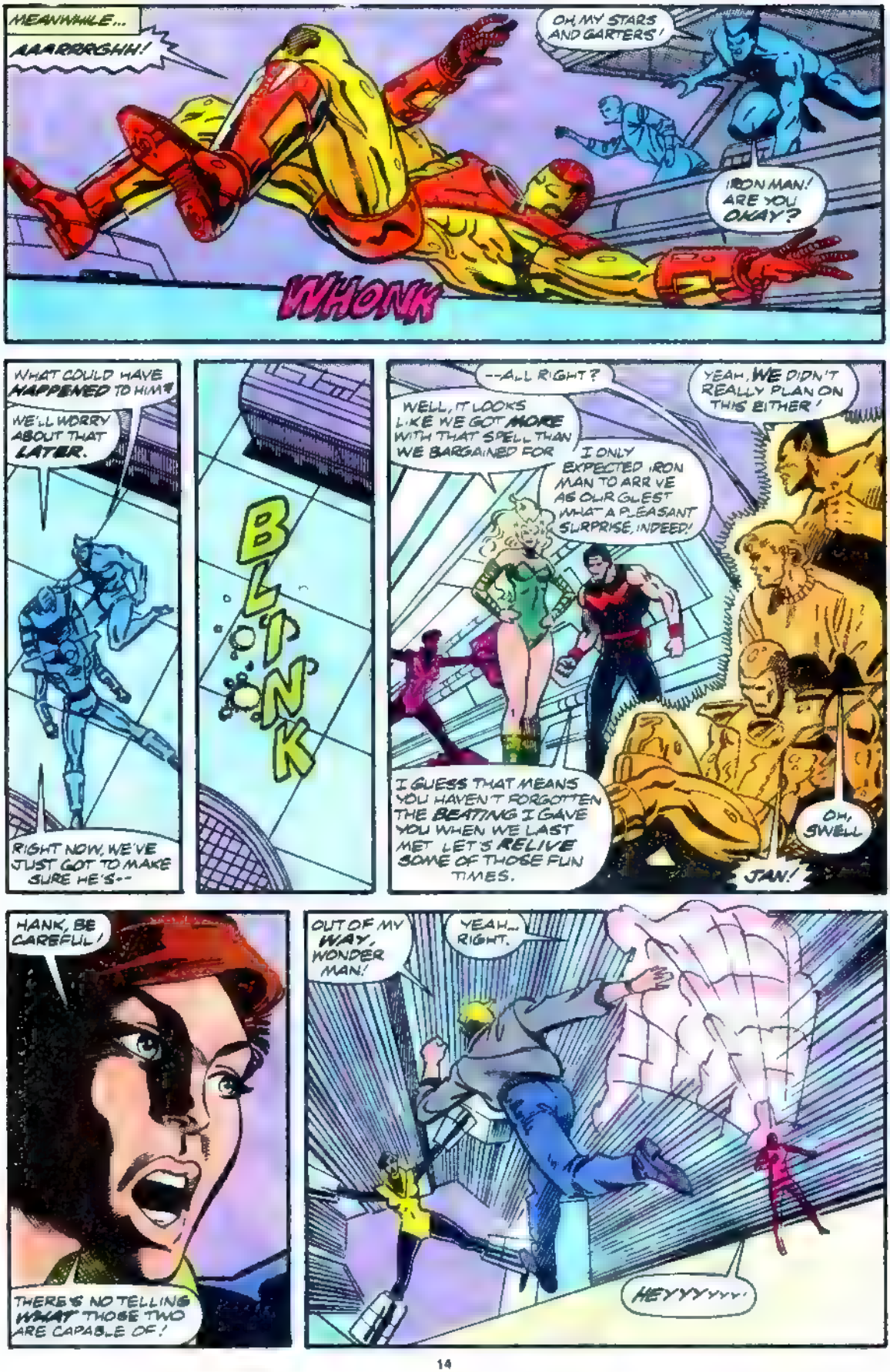
SEE, JUST LEAVE IT TO ME.

ER, IRON MAN... WHAT EXACTLY AM I ON TO?


A SHORT TIME LATER...
THIS MAY BE A LONG SHOT, BUT WE'VE GOT TO BEGIN SOMEWHERE.
IF NOTHING ELSE, IT'LL GIVE ME A CHANCE TO TEST THE CAPACITY OF THIS MODIFIED IMAGE PROJECTOR.
YOU KNOW HOW IT WORKS. THOUGH MY BODY REMAINS HERE...
...AN ULTRA-HIGH FREQUENCY IMAGE THAT CAN BE SEEN AND HEARD CAN BE SENT ANYWHERE AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT!
AHAHAHAHAHAHA
THE CONTROLS HAVE BEEN SET FOR THE AMAZON RAINFOREST.
WHAT'S THIS? SOME SORT OF EXPLOSION?
IT'S AMAZING THE DAMAGE THAT IS DONE IN THE NAME OF PROGRESS!
THESE HYDRO-ELECTRIC DAMS HAVE PROVEN THEIR INEFFECTIVENESS--NOT TO MENTION THE DESTRUCTION THEY CAUSE THE SURROUNDING LANDS AND PEOPLE!
WHEN ARE WE GOING TO LEARN THAT THERE IS MORE AT STAKE HERE THAN A FAST BUCK?'
KABOOM
UNFORTUNATELY, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO TO STOP THE DAMAGE THAT'S ALREADY BEEN DONE TO THESE RAINFORESTS...
...BUT MAYBE, AS TONY STARK, I'LL BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING IN THE FUTURE!
THERE'S MORE TO BEING A HERO THAN FIGHTING SUPER-VILLAINS.
SOMETIMES THERE ARE OTHER WAYS WE HAVE TO TRY TO SAVE THE WORLD!
I'M GOING TO CHECK INTO THIS OPERATION AS SOON AS I GET BACK SO TO SPEAK!
AND, NEARBY...
WONDER MAN, YOU'VE GOT TO LISTEN TO ME! THIS ENCHANTRESS HAS DONE SOMETHING TO YOU!
YEAH, AND IT'S SURE BEEN FUN!
WELL, ONE THING'S CERTAIN--THE REST OF THE AVENGERS WILL NEVER LET YOU GET AWAY WITH THIS!

WHO CARES ABOUT THE AVENGERS?! WE CAN TAKE CARE OF THEM
SILENCE, MY LOVE! I SENSE SOMETHING!
AMORA! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU?
I AM RIGHT HERE, HANDSOME AND THOUGH I FIND YOUR CONCERN QUITE CHARMING, THERE IS NO NEED TO WORRY!
I HAVE SIMPLY TAKEN THE PRECAUTION OF MAKING MYSELF INVISIBLE!
IRON MAN! I'LL TEAR YOU APART!
I THOUGHT I MIGHT FIND YOU HERE, OLD BUDDY!
THOUGH HE CAN'T SEE ME, THAT WILL NOT STOP MY SPELL FROM WORKING ON HIM!
IMPOSSIBLE! IT HAD NO EFFECT!
I WAS SORRY I DIDN'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO FINISH YOU OFF THE LAST TIME WE MET!
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT LITTLE OVER-SIGHT NOW, TIN-HEAD!
HUH?
KSMAKTSH

HOLD STILL, IRON MAN--I'M GOING TO MAKE METAL SPLINTERS OUT OF YOU!
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GET YOUR HANDS ON ME, SIMON, BECAUSE I'M NOT REALLY HERE!
IF YOU'D BOTHERED TO ACQUAINT YOURSELF WITH THE AVENGERS' RECORDS, YOU'D KNOW ABOUT THIS PROJECTION DEVICE NEXT TIME, DO YOUR HOMEWORK, PAL!
I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU GOT THIS NEW POWER FROM, SHELL-HEAD, BUT WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON YOU--!
SMANK!
THAT'S IT! THE FOOL HAS TOLD ME WHAT I NEED TO KNOW!
AND THIS IS A SPELL DESIGNED TO WORK ON H.M NOW!
IMPOSSIBLE! I'VE TURNED SOLID!
SMASH
YOU WERE SAYING, IRON MAN!
YOU TRIED TO MAKE A FOOL OF ME! THAT MAKES ME MAD!
AND, WHEN I GET MAD--I GET EVEN!
HA HA HA HA!
SPLINKT


MEANWHILE...
AAARRRGHH!
OH, MY STARS AND GARTERS!
IRON MAN! ARE YOU OKAY?
WHONK
WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO HIM?
WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER.
RIGHT NOW, WE'VE JUST GOT TO MAKE SURE HE'S--
BLINK
--ALL RIGHT?
YEAH, WE DIDN'T REALLY PLAN ON THIS EITHER!
WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE WE GOT MORE WITH THAT SPELL THAN WE BARGAINED FOR
I ONLY EXPECTED IRON MAN TO ARRIVE AS OUR GUEST WHAT A PLEASANT SURPRISE, INDEED!
I GUESS THAT MEANS YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THE BEATING I GAVE YOU WHEN WE LAST MET. LET'S RELIVE SOME OF THOSE FUN TIMES.
OH, SWELL
JAN!
HANK, BE CAREFUL!
THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT THOSE TWO ARE CAPABLE OF!
OUT OF MY WAY, WONDER MAN!
YEAH... RIGHT.
HEYYYYYY!

NICE TRY, FURRY, BUT, EVEN THOUGH PYM MAY HAVE REDUCED ME IN SIZE, I'M STILL AS FAST AS EVER!
SWA-
AND, GUESS WHAT?
I'M STILL AS STRONG, TOO!
POW
I WAS JUNGLE AFRAID OF THAT
I STILL HAVEN'T FULLY RECOVERED FROM MY LAST GO-AROUND WITH WONDY. I WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS!
I'VE GOT TO TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT!
SURELY YOU JEST, CREATURE! YOU DIDN'T REALLY BELIEVE I'D LEAVE MY PERSON WHERE YOU MIGHT FOUL IT WITH YOUR FILTHY PAWS, DID YOU?
HA HA HA HA!
TSK

DON'T WORRY JAN! I SHOULD HAVE YOU DOWN FROM THAT CONTRAPTION IN NO TIME
I THINK I'VE GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUAAARGH!
ZZZT
HANK! NO! OH, NO!
THAT LEAVES ONLY YOU, FUR-FACE... BUT NOT FOR LONG!
I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU WHAT HAPPENS TO ANYONE WHO TRIES TO HARM MY WOMAN!
KBAM
URRKKKK...
NICE WORK, MUSCLES... AND THANKS FOR PROTECTING MY HONOR.
I THINK I'LL RETURN THE FAVOR BY RESTORING YOU TO YOUR FULL DIMENSIONS--JUST THE WAY I LIKE YOU
NOW, IF YOU'LL JUST SEE TO THE SHACKLING OF THESE MISCREANTS--
--WE'LL BE READY TO BEGIN THE NEW EXPERIMENT!
I AM GOING TO MAKE A GOD OF YOU!
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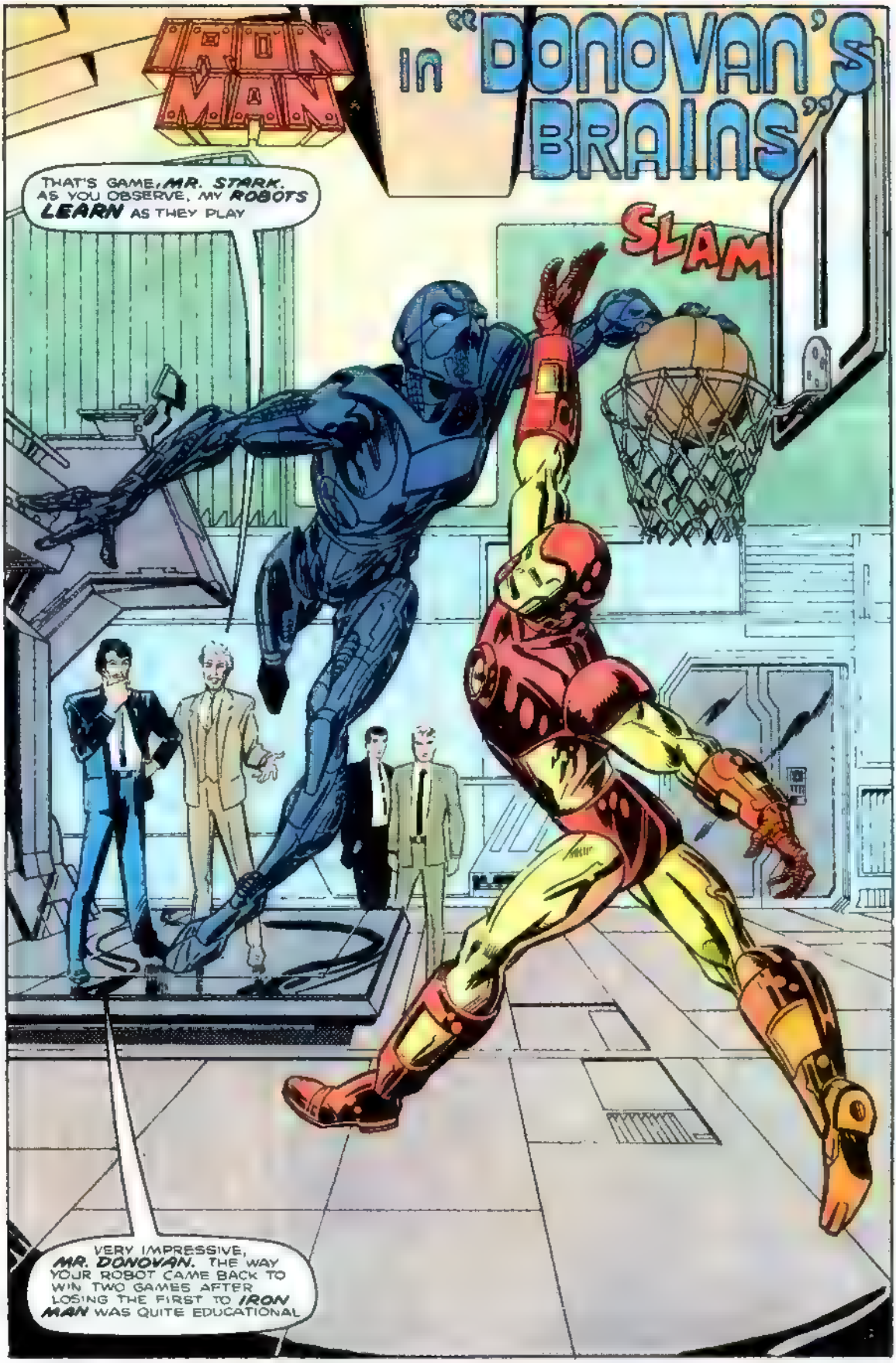
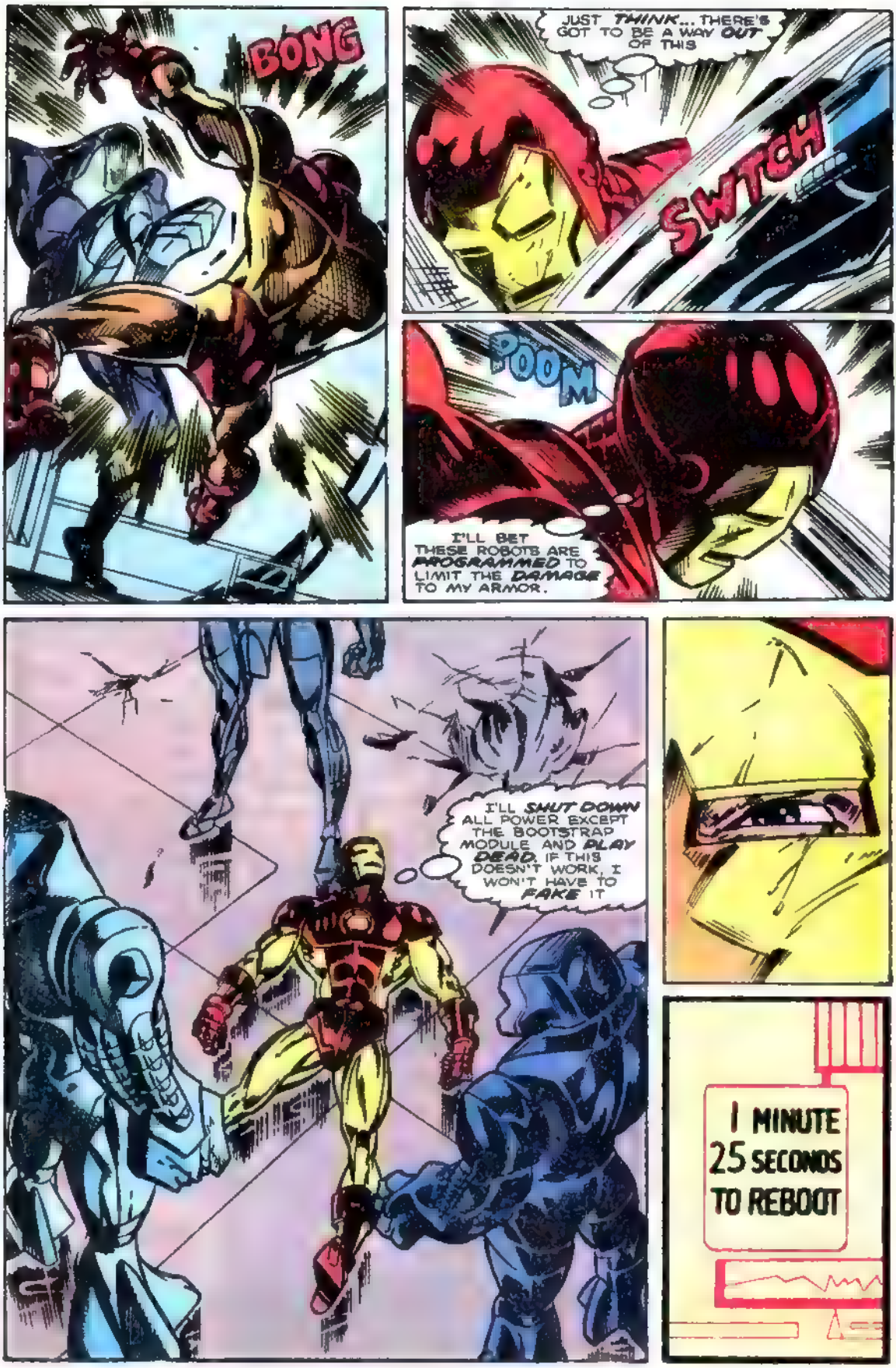

IRON MAN
in "DONOVAN'S BRAINS"
THAT'S GAME, MR. STARK. AS YOU OBSERVE, MY ROBOTS LEARN AS THEY PLAY
SLAM
VERY IMPRESSIVE, MR. DONOVAN. THE WAY YOUR ROBOT CAME BACK TO WIN TWO GAMES AFTER LOSING THE FIRST TO IRON MAN WAS QUITE EDUCATIONAL

WE HAVE A DEAL, SIR.
OUR NEURAL-NETWORK ROBOTS ACTUALLY THINK THE WAY PEOPLE DO. DONOVAN ROBOTICS AND STARK ENTERPRISES WILL JOINT VENTURE A VERY DIFFERENT LINE OF ROBOTS.
HOWEVER, THERE IS ONE OTHER ISSUE--WE ARE HAVING AN INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE PROBLEM. PERHAPS STARK ENTERPRISES COULD HELP US.
OF COURSE. TO PROTECT OUR OWN INTERESTS, STARK ENTERPRISES AND IRON MAN COULD BE RETAINED FOR SECURITY MANAGEMENT AT DONOVAN ROBOTICS.
TWO MONTHS LATER.
THIS TRAINLOAD OF SAND SHOULD PUT OUT THE CHEMICAL FIRE.
WAIT--! THE ALARM IN MY ARMOR--FROM DONOVAN ROBOTICS.
NOW I ONLY NEED INTERFACE MY ARMOR'S COMPUTER ASYNCRONOUS COMMUNICATIONS PORT WITH THE PLANT'S SECURITY COMPUTER AND FIND OUT WHAT'S CAUSING THE PROBLEM.
DONOV
ROBOT
[DANGER--]
VIRUS--
SHUT DOWN SYSTEM NOW

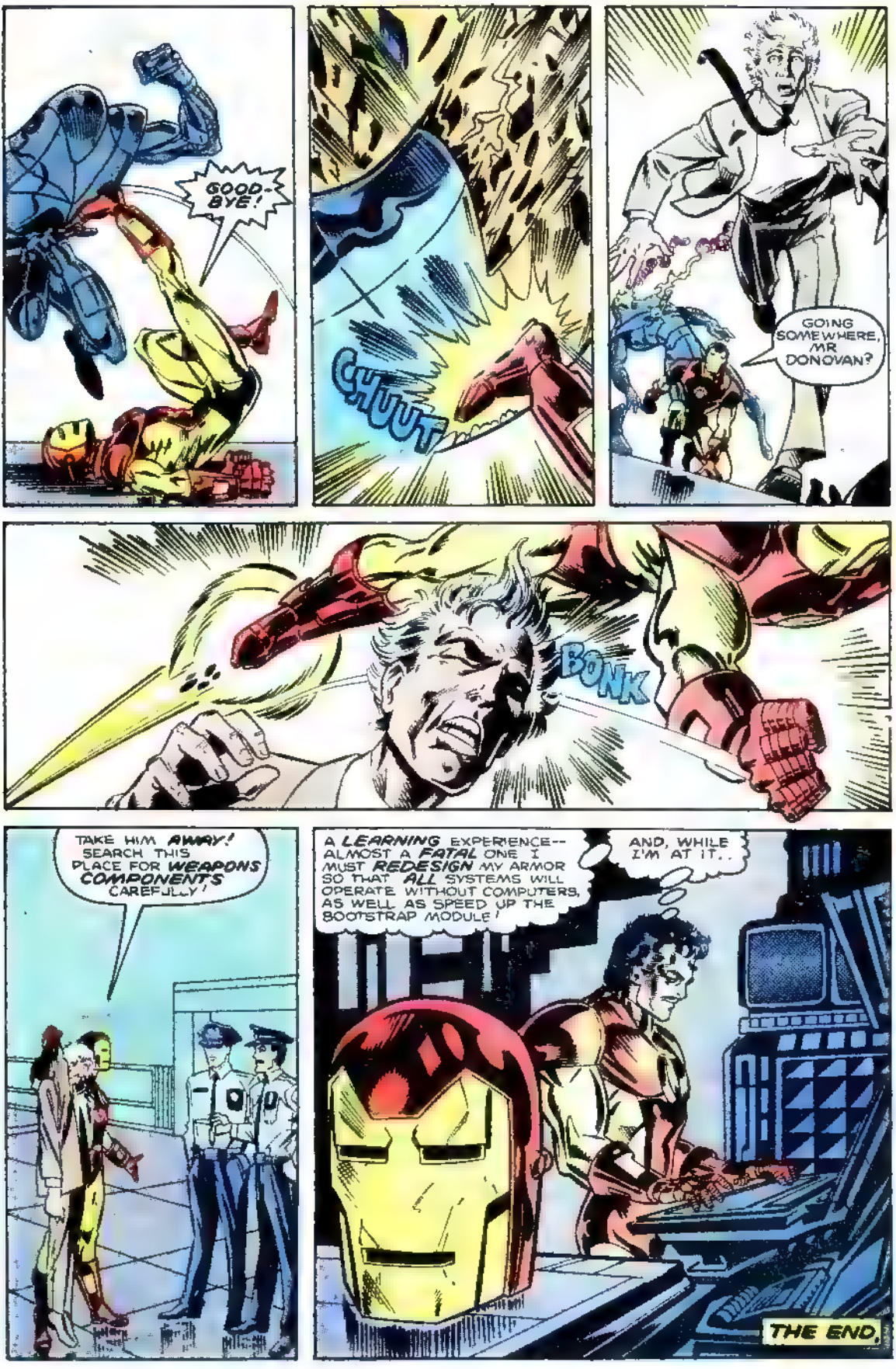
THERE! I'M OUT. BUT IT'LL TAKE SIX MINUTES TO REBOOT AND BOOT-STRAP MY COMPUTER SYSTEMS.
NO HIGHER SYSTEM FUNCTIONS AVAILABLE--EVEN MY JETS ARE COMPUTER CONTROLLED. IS THIS A TRAP? I'D BETTER BE ON MY TO--
STILL ON YOUR FEET, IRON MAN? I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT MY SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED WORM VIRUS WOULD HAVE PARALYZED YOU. NO MATTER. MY ROBOTS WILL FINISH YOU OFF.
NOW I CAN ADD THE SECRETS OF YOUR ARMOR TO MY ROBOTS AND CREATE INVINCIBLE FIGHTING MACHINES.
BWACCK
IT WAS ALL I COULD DO TO DUCK THAT ONE WITHOUT FULL POWER!
BLAST!
THESE ROBOTS ARE GETTING SMARTER AND QUICKER .. TOO FAST!

TIME TO PLAY TYSON!
BRANNK
WHAM
GOT TO GET LEVERAGE!
THESE ROBOTS HAVEN'T LEARNED JUDO YET.
CRACCK
I'LL JUST--
AAARGH!
BRACCK

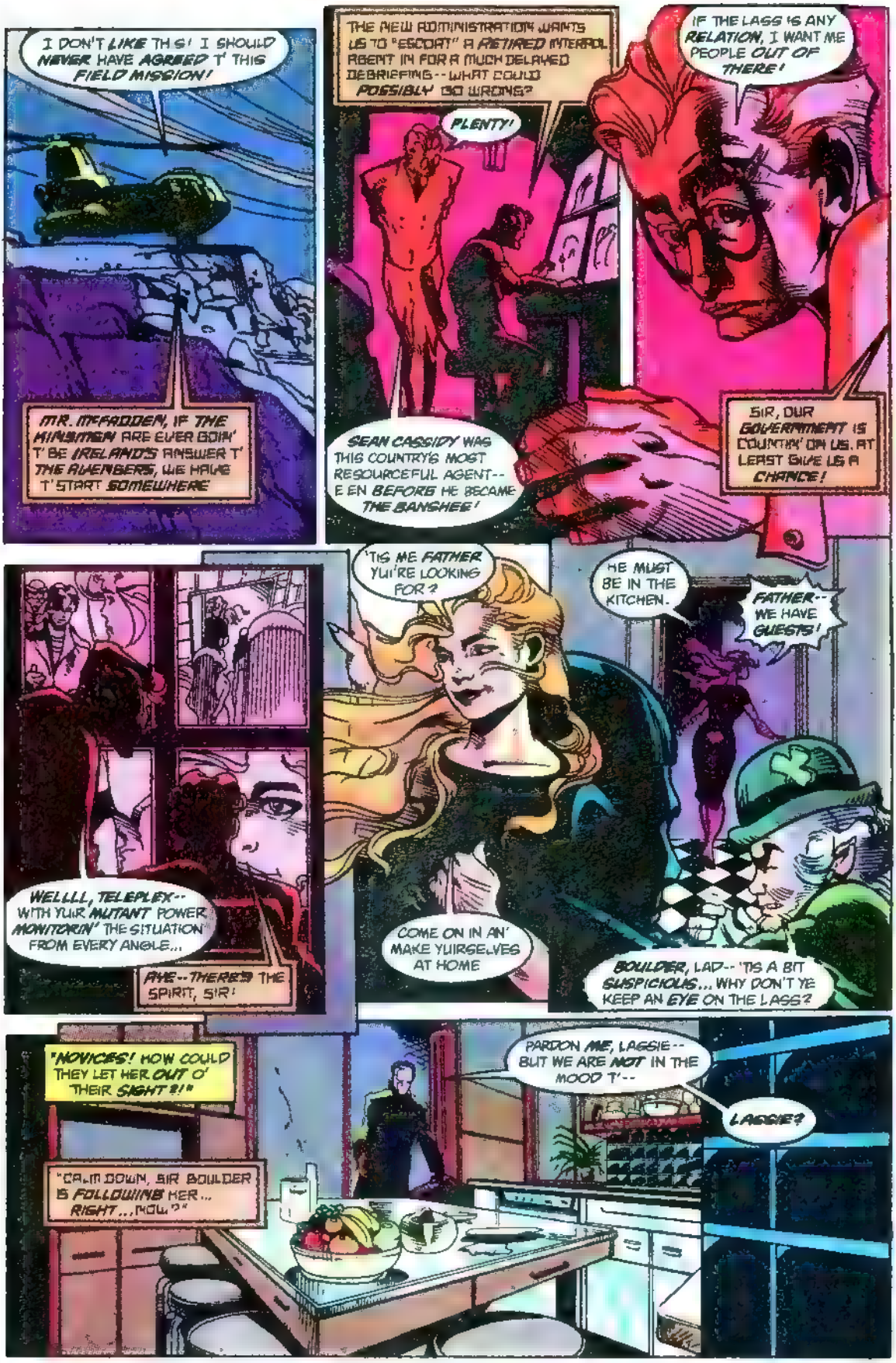
BASH
THE ROBOTS DO LEARN FAST.
CRUNCH!
NO JETS TO SLOW DOWN WITH..
CRUNCH!
NO POWER AT ALL LEFT. LOSING STRENGTH.. MUST... HOLD. . ON
2 MINUTES 12 SECONDS TO REBOOT


BONG
JUST THINK... THERE'S GOT TO BE A WAY OUT OF THIS
SWTCH
POOM
I'LL BET THESE ROBOTS ARE PROGRAMMED TO LIMIT THE DAMAGE TO MY ARMOR.
I'LL SHUT DOWN ALL POWER EXCEPT THE BOOTSTRAP MODULE AND PLAY DEAD. IF THIS DOESN'T WORK, I WON'T HAVE TO FAKE IT
1 MINUTE 25 SECONDS TO REBOOT

COME JUST A LITTLE CLOSER. COME TO PAPA.
WELL, IRON MAN, IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, MY DREAM OF CREATING AN UNPARALLELED FORCE IS NOW WITHIN MY GRASP
THIS IS A PARTNERSHIP I'M SURE YOUR EMPLOYER DID NOT INTEND HA!
REBOOT COMPLETE
HMMMMMM
CH BOOM
FWAZT
FWAZT
CH BOOM

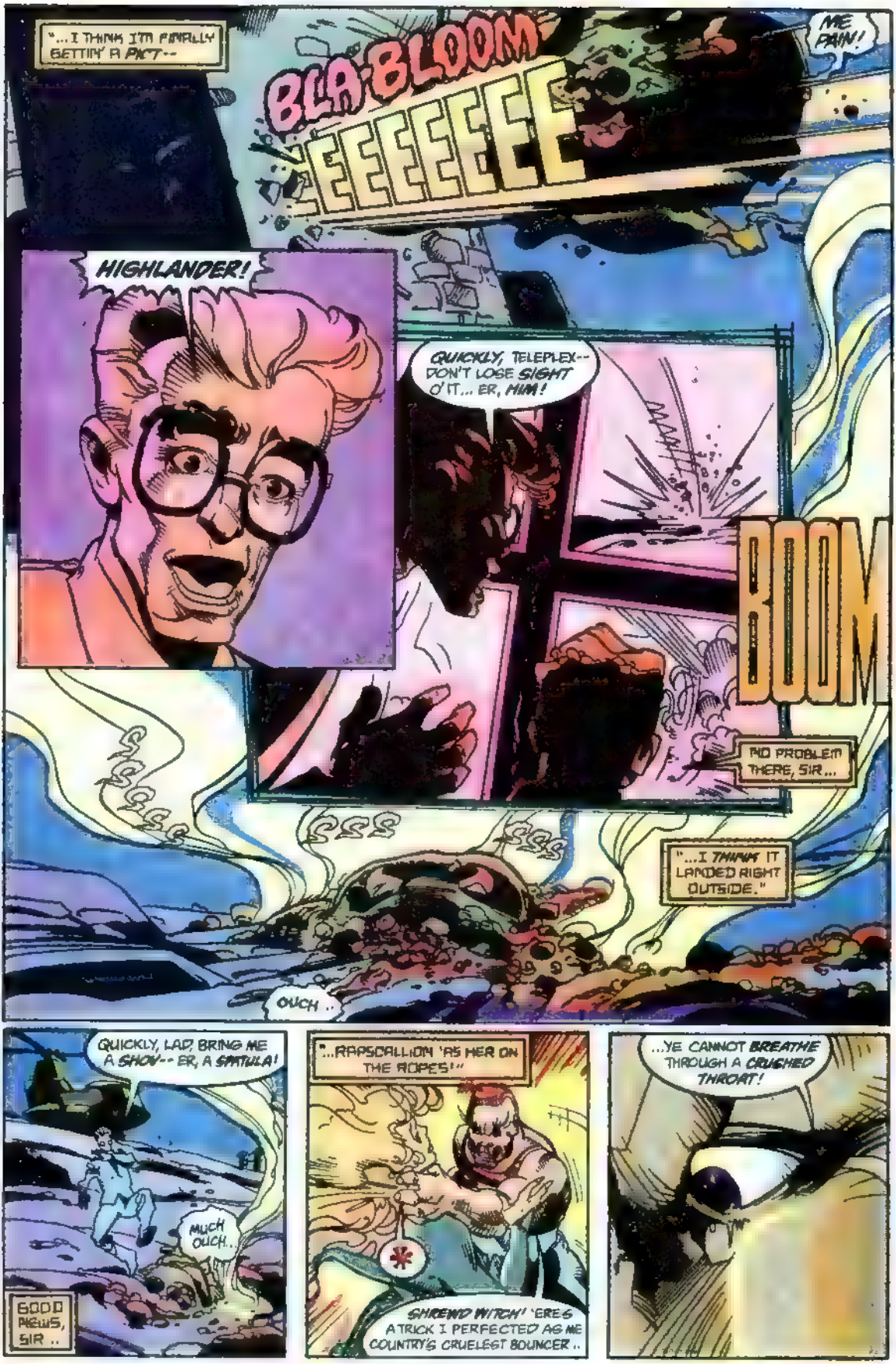

GOOD-BYE!
CHUUT
GOING SOMEWHERE, MR DONOVAN?
BONK
TAKE HIM AWAY! SEARCH THIS PLACE FOR WEAPONS COMPONENTS CAREFULLY!
A LEARNING EXPERIENCE-- ALMOST A FATAL ONE I MUST REDESIGN MY ARMOR SO THAT ALL SYSTEMS WILL OPERATE WITHOUT COMPUTERS, AS WELL AS SPEED UP THE BOOTSTRAP MODULE!
AND, WHILE I'M AT IT..
THE END.

"GOOD NEWS, SIR... PICTURES CRYSTAL CLEAR NO PROBLEMS YET."
"I SHOULD THINK NOT THEY'RE STILL A MILE AWAY FROM THE CASTLE!
"CAN YE GET ME A CLOSE-UP?"
HOW'S THIS, SIR?"
"TELEPLEX, YE ARE A NEVER ENDIN' SOURCE O' AMUSEMENT."
SIRYN
KNOCK KNOCK
in
HELLO, LITTLE GIRL, IS YOUR FATHER HOME?
HELLO, YURSELF
"WEE ONE, BOULDER, HIGHLANDER, DYKE, AN' RAPSCALLION ARE INSIDE CASSIDY KEEP, SIR."
"I CAN SEE THAT-- BUT WHO THE DEV-- IS THIS LASS?"

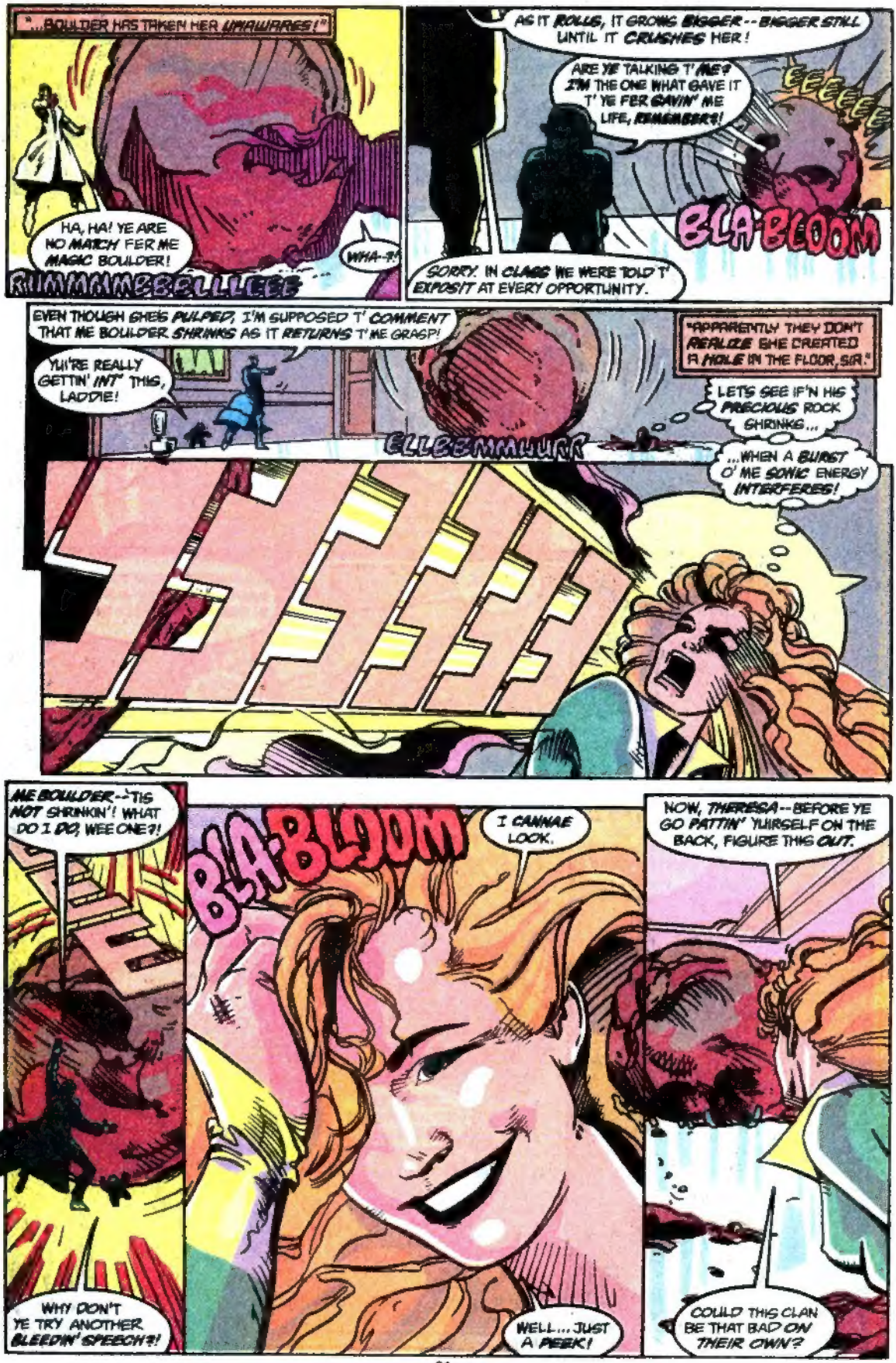

I DON'T LIKE THIS! I SHOULD NEVER HAVE AGREED T' THIS FIELD MISSION!
MR. McFADDEN, IF THE MINISTER ARE EVER GOIN' T' BE IRELAND'S ANSWER T' THE AVENGERS, WE HAVE T' START SOMEWHERE
THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WANTS US TO "ESCORT" A RETIRED INTERPOL AGENT IN FOR A MUCH DELAYED DEBRIEFING -- WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG?
PLENTY!
IF THE LASS IS ANY RELATION, I WANT ME PEOPLE OUT OF THERE!
SEAN CASSIDY WAS THIS COUNTRY'S MOST RESOURCEFUL AGENT -- E EN BEFORE HE BECAME THE BANSHEE!
SIR, OUR GOVERNMENT IS COUNTIN' ON US. AT LEAST GIVE US A CHANCE!
'TIS ME FATHER YUI'RE LOOKING FOR?
HE MUST BE IN THE KITCHEN.
FATHER -- WE HAVE GUESTS!
WELLLL, TELEPLEX -- WITH YUIR MUTANT POWER MONITORIN' THE SITUATION FROM EVERY ANGLE...
AYE -- THERE'S THE SPIRIT, SIR!
COME ON IN AN' MAKE YUIRSELVES AT HOME
BOULDER, LAD -- 'TIS A BIT SUSPICIOUS... WHY DON'T YE KEEP AN EYE ON THE LASS?
"NOVICES! HOW COULD THEY LET HER OUT O' THEIR SIGHT?!"
"CALM DOWN, SIR BOULDER IS FOLLOWING HER... RIGHT... NOW."
PARDON ME, LAGGIE -- BUT WE ARE NOT IN THE MOOD T'--
LAGGIE?

EEEEEEEEEEEE
!
I'M ONLY GOING T' SAY THIS ONCE.
I WANT YE OUT O' ME HOUSE.
NOW.
TELEPLEX--THERE'S NO PICTURE! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
A MOMENT, SIR-- ME EARS ARE STILL RINGIN' AN' I CAN'T CONCENTRATE!
BONK BONK
MAYBE YE DINNAE HEAR ME, GOOD PEOPLE...?
WE YOU DID HEAR.
THE GOVERNMENT WANTS INFORMATION FROM YUIR DADDY SUPER-POWERS OR NO, NO WEE LASS IS GONNA KEEP HIM FROM THE KINGMEN!
WHO ARE YE CALLING "WEE"?
OOOAAAHHH.

YE SHOULD NOT BE TRIFLIN' WIT' A LEPRECHAUN!
YEAH, RIGHHHHHHHEEE!
ESPECIALLY ONE WHO CARR'ES PIXIE DUST!
DINNAE WORRY--YE WON'T BE BLIND BY THE TIME YE WAKE FROM THE POUNDIN' I'LL BE GIVIN' YE
HERE'S A HELPFUL HINT, "MR O'MUNCHKIN"..
...I DINNAE NEED ME EYES T' PROJECT 'N ULTRA-SONIC FORCE-FIELD
BONK
OOOOOF!
HA HEE HO
giggle
chuckle
I DUPPOSE YE DINK DIPTH ID FUDDY? MAYBE YE WON'B BE LAPPIN' WHEN YE FIGHD DA REDT O' ME DEAM?!
DET HER, KINDMEN!
YOU ME ESCAPE NOT!
RUN AWAY FROM A RAMPAGIN' HEAP O' SENTIENT TOXIC WASTE?
I WOULD NAE DREAM O' IT
GOOD NEWS, SIR


"...I THINK I'M FINALLY GETTIN' A PACT--
BLA-BLOOM
EEEEEEEE
ME PAIN!
HIGHLANDER!
QUICKLY, TELEPLEX-- DON'T LOSE SIGHT O' IT... ER, HIM!
BOOM
NO PROBLEM THERE, SIR...
"...I THINK IT LANDED RIGHT OUTSIDE."
OUCH..
QUICKLY, LAD, BRING ME A SHOV-- ER, A SPATULA!
MUCH OUCH..
GOOD NEWS, SIR..
"...RAPSCALLION 'AS HER ON THE ROPES!"
SHREWD WITCH! 'ERE'S A TRICK I PERFECTED AS ME COUNTRY'S CRUELEST BOUNCER..
...YE CANNOT BREATHE THROUGH A CRUSHED THROAT!

FAIR IS FAIR--
ACK!
POK
--'ERE'S A TRICK ME DADDY TAUGHT ME...THE OL' DOUBLE KICK!
THE LOT O' YE ARE FAIRLY GREEN T' THIS SUPER-POWERS STUFF?
YE C-COULD TELL!
THUD
I HAD A TAD O' A HUNCH.
ENOUGH! YOU MAY HAVE DEFEATED MY COMRADES, BUT YOU WON'T DEFEAT DYKE!
SPLOOSH
AS THE LAST NEREID--A WATER NYMPH--I AM ALL THAT STANDS BETWEEN THIS DIMENSION AND ONE MADE COMPLETELY OF WATER!
WATER THAT I CAN COMMAND TO DROWN YOU!
I DINNAE DOUBT IT! MY ONLY CHANCE--
--THAT ME SOUND BUBBLE REACHES THE SURFACE.
AFTER YOU ARE DEAD, NOTHING WILL KEEP US FROM YOUR FATHER!
WE WILL --
SHUT UP!
UHHH?!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED T' TRY THAT! GLAD IT WORKED.
THAT SHOULD BE THE LAST O' THE LOT..
"GOOD NEWS, SIR..."
RUMMMBBLEEE


"...BOULDER HAS TAKEN HER UNAWARES!"
HA, HA! YE ARE NO MATCH FER ME MAGIC BOULDER!
WHA--?!
RUMMMMBBBULLLEEE
AS IT ROLLS, IT GROWS BIGGER--BIGGER STILL UNTIL IT CRUSHES HER!
ARE YE TALKING T' ME? I'M THE ONE WHAT GAVE IT T' YE FER SAVIN' ME LIFE, REMEMBER?!
BLA-BLOOM
SORRY. IN CLASS WE WERE TOLD T' EXPOSIT AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S PULPED, I'M SUPPOSED T' COMMENT THAT ME BOULDER SHRINKS AS IT RETURNS T' ME GRASP!
YU'RE REALLY GETTIN' INT' THIS, LADDIE!
"APPARENTLY THEY DON'T REALIZE SHE CREATED A HOLE IN THE FLOOR, SIR."
LET'S SEE IF'N HIS PRECIOUS ROCK SHRINKS...
...WHEN A BURST O' ME SONIC ENERGY INTERFERES!
ELLEEMMMUURR
EEEEE
ME BOULDER--'TIS NOT SHRINKIN'! WHAT DO I DO, WEE ONE?!
WHY DON'T YE TRY ANOTHER BLEEDIN' SPEECH?!
BLA-BLOOM
I CANNAE LOOK.
WELL... JUST A PEEK!
NOW, THERESA--BEFORE YE GO PATTIN' YUIRSELF ON THE BACK, FIGURE THIS OUT.
COULD THIS CLAN BE THAT BAD ON THEIR OWN?

BAD NEWS, SIR...
...SHE'S USING HER SONAR POWERS T' SCAN THE AREA!
WHAT IS IT SHE BE LOOKING FOR?
RETIREMENT...
YE CAN ASK HER YURSELF, SIR!
HERE SHE COMES!
HELLO, SIR! I BELIEVE THESE BRIGANDS BELONG T' YE?
NAY, THERESA! 'TIS SURELY TOO NAUGHTY A THOUGHT EVEN FER YE!
THEN AGAIN--THEY STILL NEED T' BE LEARNIN' A LESSON!
ALL OF THEM OUT OF COMMISSION!
AT LEAST WE MANAGED T' SAVE THE HIGH-TECH HELICOPTER.
BUT UNTIL THEN...
EEEEEEEE
BA-ROOM
...LEAVE ME AND ME FATHER IN PEACE!
AND NEXT TIME YE HAVE A MIND T' BE VISITIN' A PERSON IN THE WEE HOURS O' THE NIGHT...
...CALL FIRST.
"WE'RE READY," THEY SAID.
"GIVE US A CHANCE," THEY SAID.
BWAAH-HUU-HUU-HUUU!
GENTLEMEN, WITH A WEE BIT MORE PATIENCE AN' TRAINING, YUIR OPERATIVES MIGHT E'EN BE PRETTY GOOD.
NOOOO! THAT HELICOPTER COST MILLIONS!
END.

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Dear Terry,

I just read MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #35 and I don't think there was ever an issue I liked better than this one:

Excalibur—Nightcrawler has always been my favorite mutant, so I was really glad to see him on the cover of this issue. Even though I feel that you guys are using mutants a lot in this book, I really liked this issue, and the whole Excalibur series. Higgins and Larsen are doing a great job. I hope they keep it up.

Black Panther—I'm still not really thrilled with this series. I guess I was unable to keep my interest up in a twenty five-part story. Actually, I guess I'm not really a fan of the Black Panther at all. Sorry . . .

Coldblood—Marvelous. It made the comic for me. I think there was a bit of Robocopism at points, but the art was the best I've seen you guys do (you see, you don't need mutants with characters like him!). I would love to see him again!

Her—Let's put it this way, have you ever seen "Ishtar"?

David Galvan
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Yes, we've seen "Ishtar," David. We thought it was a fine film that just didn't get the critical acclaim that it justly deserved. So if that's what you think of the Her story, we take it as a strong compliment. Thank you very much!

Dear Marvel,

First, let me say that MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS is great. Now down to business, in MCP #35, you asked to hear how we felt about mutants headlining the book. I say it's a great idea. Let's look at the facts, shall we? According to MARVEL AGE's Top Ten, X-MEN, EXCALIBUR, X-FACTOR, and WOLVERINE are all up there on the list. It is only sensible to keep mutants in the book. They are in demand, so supply us.

Personally, I buy MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS to see the further adventures of my favorite mutants, and to get a look at other happenings in the Marvel Universe. In the future, I'd like to see stories about Rusty & Skids, Marvel Girl, Storm, and Nightcrawler. I'd like to see some bad guys with two or three part stories, too.

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We'll see what we can do for you, David. Thanks for your feelings on the mutant issue . . .

Marvel Readers Present,

Horrible, absolutely horrible. The Excalibur story has been stupid from the beginning, and it is only getting worse. I'm getting sick just reading it. The only decent thing about it at all is the artwork.

I have a big problem with the Black Panther story. It was working great until the last page. Then—SNAP—His leg was caught in a trap. So what's the problem? Easy, the Black Panther should be pretty much unable to walk now. He doesn't have a chance at escape at all now. Why? Because if someone was going to go through the trouble of setting a trap like that, they would set one with a powerful enough clamp that would slice through all the way to the bone. It wouldn't just leave a circle around his ankle. This thing has cut extremely deeply through his flesh! He wouldn't be able to walk after that! No way!

But the above isn't the only problem. No, it gets worse. This guy has dogs and security guards walking around the property. Now, I doubt he only has one of these clamp things planted. That would be pretty dumb, so he must have others. But he has dogs and people walking around! Anyone, especially the dogs, could step right on one of those clamps and—SNAP—they are out of the picture. As I said, big problem.

The Coldblood story was great. I liked the way it ended, although I did think that Mako was too easily defeated. I mean, a car hit him doing around 100 miles an hour. Big deal, so it flipped him over. The guy is wearing an armored suit that is supposed to make him a match for an army. You think one little smack and a flip to the ground is going to blow him up? Dream on! Maybe it dented the exo-skeleton, but that is it. So tell me, why did it blow?

Amazingly enough, the Her story was probably the best story in this issue. The art was fantastic. Erik Larsen has really impressed me both here and in the PUNISHER. And this story was pretty decent also, after all, it was only an eight page story. It could have been much better, given more pages.

Shane Hutchison
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Nassau Bay, TX 77258

We're glad you liked it anyway, Shane. As for the Black Panther, he's a super hero, and that implies that he can do superheroic things. One such thing is the ability to withstand attacks that would incapacitate normal people. Sure, a giant animal trap would knock us or you out of action, but T'Challa doesn't have the heart of an average man. His is much greater. Also, the guards probably have maps which show where all the traps are placed so they can avoid them.

In the Coldblood story, Mako wasn't just hit by Coldblood's car, he was bombarded by the car's guns for a while also! That's what destroyed him. Thanks for writing, Shane.

Dear Marvel,

I just finished reading MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #35, and I really liked the Coldblood series. I hope you put Coldblood in his own book sometime.

I also like the Excalibur story. I think this one was the best so far because I think Nightcrawler is the best on the team.

MCP is one of the best comic books out there. Keep up the good work. By the way, are you going to do a series on the Punisher?

Kenny Bova
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We don't really plan to do a Punisher series here since he already has two books of his own. Don't be surprised if you see him guest-starring at some time in the future, though. As for Coldblood, read on . . .

Dear Doug and Paul,

Wowza! You have impressed me once again with a dynamic, action packed series starring Coldblood, the half-human, half-cyborg. The story was great, and the art was beyond belief. If ever a series from Marvel Comics should get its own book, this is it. You've just recruited me as a lifelong fan of Coldblood. If this sees print, I hope others will take my recommendation in writing you to make sure this new age hero gets his own series! Until Irving Forbush gets his own solo story in Marvel Comics, make mine Marvel.

Scott Jacobson
(Address withheld by request)

Wow, we never really pictured Coldblood as a new age hero, but if that's what you want to call him, feel free. You're right, he has received a lot of mail (all positive) over the past few months. Read on for even more . . .

Dear Marvel,

I've just finished MCP #35, and I have a question I hope you can answer. Are we going to see another Coldblood series?

I have really enjoyed the eight appearances in MCP, and upon reflection they actually provide an excellent origin for Coldblood. And the end, with Coldblood and Gina walking into the sunset, leaves things wide open for a sequel.

On the subject of requesting more of what I like, more Erik Larsen—please! The guy is just a wonderful artist.

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You'll definitely see more of Eric Larsen in these pages in the future, Martin. If you haven't already, check out AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. Erik is the regular artist on that book now, and we think he's doing a great job. Hmmm . . . it's interesting that you also want to see some more Coldblood stuff. So you will. Look for a four-part Prestige Format Series next year . . .

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